DIRECTIVES TO NATIONALISED BANKS ON WAIVING OF LOANS

2545. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Wll the Minisier of FINANCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether all the Nationali^d Banks have revealed thai they have not rft-ceived any directives from. Government regarding waiving cf loans to weavers as announced by the Prime Minister during Sepiember, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the instructions that have been issued tn Nationalised

(c) to what extent the waiving of loans to weavers will benefit them: and

(d) what is the total amount to be involved and how many weavers have been helped under the scheme so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : j (a) to (dl Public Sector Banks and co-operative banks and Regional Rural Banks were advised by the Reserve Bank of India i (RBI; and by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in .Tunc. 1990 tor provide debt relief under the provisions of the /vgficuliural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990 in respect of the dues onl-standine as rin 2nd October, 1989 with these banks by the specified category of borrowers, including artisans and weavers in, rural areas only. The ARDR Scheme came to a close on 31-3-1991 in respect of all the States excepfing Assam and jammu and Kashmir where the scheme came to a close on 30-6-1991. No revision was made in the Scheme in any maimer thereafter and no revised instruction were issued in th s regard. Arising out of (be announcement referred to m part (a) of the quesnon it wiU be for the concerned State Govemments themselves to take appropriate action if considered necessary.

PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS IN RURAL AREAS OF GUJARAT

2546. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL . Will the Mmister of FINANCE be pleased to stale :

(a) the details of the branches of Public Sector Barks opened in rural areas In Gujarat State durng 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) what are the places where these branches are opened;

(c) whether branches of the Public j secteor Banks are less in Gujarat in com-! parison to other Slates ;

*(d) w*ether the Central Govemment have isued any instructions for opening more branches in Gujarat State; and

(e) what is the criterion adopted fof onenina branches in the rural areas of the S'ate ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINIS-TFR OF STATE ITJ THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) and (b) The details of the branches of Public Sector Bankcs opened in rural areas in Gujarat during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 and also the locations thereof are given below :—

District	Name of Centre
1990-91	
Banuskantha	1 Jalana
Kutch	2. Kanderera (Mota)
	3. Bhimasur
	4. Nalia
Mehsana	5. GIDC, Chhatral

District	Name of Centre
1991-92	
Bharuch	6. Gandhar
1992-93	
Banaskantha	7. Chatodar
Jamnagar	8. Harshadpur
	9. Theba
	10. Bedwa
Kheda	11. Kasor
	12. Lambhvel
	13. Simarda
Junagarh	14. Khageshri
	15. Jamvala
	16. Alidhra
Mehsana	17. Mau
	18. Chansol
Panchmahal	19. Shehra
	20. Bakor
	21. Diwada Colony
	22. Mota Varachha

(c) Average population per bank office (APPBO) in Gujarat as on June 30, 1993 works out to 12,000 in rural areas which compares well with the national APPBO of 13,000.

(d) and (e) The aim of Branch Ex pansion Policy 1985—90 was to achieve a population coverage of 17,000 (1981 cesus) per bank office in rural and semi-urbaa areas in each block so as to eliminate wide spatial gaps in the availability of banking facilities so that a rm al branch was available generally within a distance of 10 kms. With the opening of bank branches in rural areas, the average poptilation per bank branch in rural and semi-branch areas has come down to 13,000 by the end of 1989. At present, there is a network df 35313 branches of commer cial bants in the rural areas of the country. Nevertheless, there may still be need for a number of addltiottal bank branches in raral ureas generally on two counts.

(i) Service area allocated to a bank branch may be found to be unmanageable due to large number of villages allotted, number of constituents to be catered Io and long distances|diffi-cult terrain involved in servicing the area.

(i) The increase in business of a rural branch justifiably warranting an addit bank branch which could be viable.

Under the Branch Expansion Programme 1990—95 of Reserve Bank of India, it has now been left to the judgement of the individual banks to assess the need for additional bank branches in the respective service areas of their rural branches.

INTRODUCTION OF GUJARAT DEVELOPMENT BONDS

2547. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether State Government of Gujarat have submitted any scheme for intrcduction of Gujarat Development Bonds, to the Cential Government;

(b) if the bread details thereof;

(c) the leact on of Central Govenmient thereto;

(d) whe her Government have accepted the proposal ; and

(e) by when final decision in this le-gard is likely io be taken ?

THE MINISTER OP STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (e) The Government of Gujarat had in November, 1992 proposed the issue of bonds to finance the Sardar Sarover Project, relying on Government of India to absorb the foreign exchange risk. The proposal was, however, subsequently modified as a domestic public issue and the issue has recently been conipleted-